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## **SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

### Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

Three references: Koonin et al., *Methods Enzymol.* **266**:295-322, 1996; Tatusov et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* **28**:33-36, 2000; and Werner-Washburne et al., *Genome Res.* **12**:1564-1573, 2002.

### Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 1.

### Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Tatusov et al. (*Nucl. Acids. Res.* 28:33-36, 2000) and Werner-Washburne et al. (*Genome Res.* 12:1564-1573, 2002).

### Proposed Amendments

The Examiner stated that amendment of claim 1 to recite comparison of pathogenic conserved proteins to host proteins is supported by the specification.

### Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants' argued that the genome-wise comparison of sequences discussed in the specification can be used to describe comparison of protein/peptide sequences, and that comparison of conserved peptides from bacterial sequences with host proteins is disclosed in the specification.

### Results of Interview

Agreement was not reached.